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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2001

A RESOLUTION

HONORING THE SAFE RETURN PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO ALZHEIMER'S
PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, each year, millions of Americans who are afflicted with
2 Alzheimer's disease lose their ability to recognize familiar places and
3 people. These sufferers easily become lost and can wander far from home; and

4 Whereas, families and caretakers of those with Alzheimer's disease live
5 in constant fear that their loved ones may become disoriented and stray
6 beyond the safety of their homes. Such incidents can occur even when
7 patients are vigilantly monitored; and

8 Whereas, Safe Return assists families and caretakers by promptly
9 identifying and returning those Alzheimer's sufferers who become lost. The
10 organization accomplishes its goal by providing Alzheimer's patients with an
11 identification bracelet or necklace, clothing labels and wallet cards. These
12 items, that feature a toll free crisis number, signal that the individual is
13 memory-impaired and may need help; and

14 Whereas, to assist in the locating and return of lost persons, Safe
15 Return maintains a national information and photo database that includes
16 important emergency contact information and photographs of Alzheimer's
17 patients, a twenty-four hour, toll free crisis line and a fax alert
18 notification system; and

19 Whereas, in addition to its identification services, Safe Return acts
20 as an education center for those families coping with Alzheimer's disease.
21 The organization offers training on how to handle wandering behavior and
22 provides information about a nationwide network of more than two hundred
23 community based Alzheimer's support chapters; and

24 Whereas, Safe Return's success depends on community cooperation, such
25 as radio and television stations that broadcast the names and photos of
26 missing Alzheimer's patients, the Junior League of Phoenix for its financial
27 and volunteer support, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies
28 for their assistance in locating and returning missing patients and those
29 citizens who take responsibility for helping them play a critical role in
30 this important public health effort; and

31 Whereas, for the families and caretakers of Alzheimer's sufferers, the
32 knowledge that their loved ones may become lost is one of the most unsettling
33 aspects of the disease. Safe Return is an invaluable resource for these
34 families and caretakers, serving a critical health care need in communities
35 throughout Arizona and around the nation.

36 Therefore

37 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

38 That the members of the House of Representatives commend the
39 humanitarian work of Safe Return and encourage radio and television stations
40 in Arizona to implement a plan to help Safe Return find missing Alzheimer's
41 patients.

APPROVED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 28, 2002.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 28, 2002.

Passed the House March 28, 20 02

by the following vote 53 Ayes

0 Nays, 7 Not Voting

Jake Flake
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Pro Tempore

Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Resolution was received by the Secretary of State

this 28th day of March, 20-02

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at 2:24 o'clock P M.

Victoria Bayless
Secretary of State